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Commissioner's Memos

Child Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Meal Pattern Changes
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor's Scholastic Honors Day
Ed. Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background Checks – Consent Form and Other Changes • Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure (APPEL) Information for 2017-2018
Facilities & Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Scholarships • SchoolDude at NSPMA National Facility Masters Conference
Fiscal & Admin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised FY 2016-17 Special Education Allocations (Title VI-B, Federal Preschool, State Preschool) • Open-Enrollment Charter School State Aid Notice 2016-2017 • Federal Funds Reimbursement (Ending 2016-17 / Beginning 2017-18)
Learning Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 ESOL Graduate Academy Announcement and Application
Legal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Rules for Public Comment: ADE Rules Governing Education Service Cooperatives
Research & Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT Aspire Interim Assessment Data Now Viewable in Triand • New Release of the StudentGPS Discipline Reporting Module • Local Assessment Data Now Viewable and Archived in StudentGPS for Multiple Years • New Coding Requirements for FY 17 & FY 18: Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-2207

Welcome: [Shaitalia Dixon](#) – Ed. Effectiveness & Licensure | [Dawn Drangle](#) – Facilities & Transportation
[Shannon Rostad-Hall](#) – Ed. Effectiveness & Licensure | [Greg Bomar](#) – Fiscal & Administrative Services
[April Cooper](#) – Fiscal & Administrative Services | [Deidra Strom](#) – Ed. Effectiveness & Licensure
[Rebekah Surratt](#) – Facilities & Transportation

Best Wishes: Torrence Thrower– Facilities & Transportation

Division Highlights

Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ArkansasEd.gov Newsletter #5 – March 1-16, 2017 Added
Ed. Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPEL – FAQ Posted as Related File • 2017 Minutes Added to Archived PLSB Minutes Page • IHE Matrix for Approved Educator Preparation Programs Posted • NBCTs Completed Profiles List Posted as Related File • APPEL 2017 Participant Handbook Posted as Related Link • Rules Governing Educator Licensure Posted as Related File • 2017 Educator Career Fair Flier Added to Recruitment and Retention Page • 2017 Additional Licensure Plans (ALP) for Gifted & Talented and for Life Science Added • Teacher Excellence and Support System Instruction in Educator Preparation Programs Document Updated • Background Check Requirements Live Scan Locations and Payment Instruction Documents Added as Related File
Learning Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting Minutes and Transcript Added
Legal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending ADE Rules Governing Education Service Cooperative Posted
State Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Rock Area Public Education Stakeholder Group Signed Minutes for January 30, Posted to 2017 Archived Minutes/Video Page